THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) As reported by the States/Union Territories, the details regarding number of fatal accidents and persons killed on National Highways (NHs) during the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 (the latest available data) are as under:—

Year	Number of fatal road Accidents on NHs	Number of Persons killed on NHs
2002	28,317	33,621
2003	28,733	33,153
2004 (P)	29,352	34,723

P = Provisional

(b) to (d) No statistics is available regarding victims of accident succumbing to their injuries in absence of prompt medical attention. Provision of assistance in case of raod accident is basically the responsibility of the State Government. However, this Ministry has been providing ambulances to States/Union Territories/Non-Governmental Organisations to evacuate accident victims to the nearest medical centre under National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme. During the period from 2000-01 to 2004-05, 266 ambulances has been given to various States under this scheme. In addition, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has a scheme of providing an ambulance under Operation and Maintenance and BoT contract on completed stretches of National Highways approximately after every 50 Km. As on 16.6.2006, 81 ambulances had been deployed on National Highways by NHAI.

Apart from the above, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides assistance upto Rs. 1.5 crore to the States/UTs. under the scheme of 'Assistance for Capacity Building' for upgradation of emergency services/ trauma care facilities in hospitals including those located near the National Highways. As per information available with this Ministry, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 94.27 crore to 71 hospitals during the period from 1999-2000 to 2005-06.

Ambulances on NHs

1136. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have finally decided to arrange the

ambulances at each 50 Kms. distance on all the National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, by when the ambulances are to be provided, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the arrangement made to contact the nearest hospital to take accident sufferers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Presently National Highways Authority of India deploys an ambulance at an average interval of 50 Kms. under their Operation and Maintenance Contracts/Build operates Transfer agreements on the completed stretches of National Highways entrusted to them. This Ministry also provides ambulance to States/UTs to evacuate victims of accident to the nearest medical centre under National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS).

(c) Provision of assistance in case of road accident is basically the responsibility of the State Government. Some State Government have notified telephone number to contact control room on certain highways in case of road accidents. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides assistance to the State/UTs under the scheme of 'Assisance for Capacity Building' for upgradation of emergency services/trauma care facilities in hospitals including those located near the national Highways for the purpose of treatment of accident victims. National Highways Authority of India have drawn up a list of 569 hospitals with trauma care facilities located on National Highways (Golden Quadrilateral and North-South/East-West Corridors) for use, in case of accidents.

Completion of Golden Quadrilateral Project

†1137. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi-Mumbai-Chennai-Kolkata Golden Quadrilateral road has been completed in all respect;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the work on Kolkata-Delhi road Particularly in Uttar Pradesh is still far from completion; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the work on this road would be completed?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.